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Israeli housing plan prompts general strike

TEL AVIV, March 25 (AP) — Palestinians throughout the occupied West Bank went on general strike Tuesday in angry protest of Israel's plan to house Jewish students in the West Bank city of Hebron (al Khalil).

Total shutdowns of businesses and schools were reported by the Israel state radio in the cities of Hebron, Nablus, Ramallah, Bethlehem and Halhoul. Strikes were also staged in Jenin and smaller West Bank towns.

West Bank leaders planned a meeting at Bir Zeit University near Ramallah to discuss further action to protest the government's decision Sunday to build two live-in schools in the center of Hebron.

Fahd Qawasmeh, mayor of the city of 50,000, said at a rally Monday he would resist the decision "by all means at our disposal," and said he would prefer exile or jail in action. "There's no jail big enough for all of us," he said.

The Israeli cabinet voted by a narrow 8-6 majority to carry out the plan, and opened the most severe split yet in Prime Minister Menahem Begin's cabinet. Newspapers reported that at least three ministers, including Defense Minister Ezer Weizman, were considering resignation, although there was no independent confirmation.

The decision must be approved by a parliamentary committee on defense, by demand of a liberal coalition party.

Israeli analysts reported that tempers in the West Bank had risen following the decision, and approached the level of anger that led to riots in 1976 when more than a dozen Palestinians were shot dead by occupation troops.

The analysts, writing in the newspapers *Deror* and *Hatzalah*, noted that Qawasmeh's call for action Monday was the most open call.

Sultan: French bid courageous

RIYADH, March 25 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia's Defense Minister Prince Sultan said Tuesday that Saudi Arabia would seek the help of its friends if it were attacked by another power, but he also reaffirmed the kingdom's reluctance to provide military facilities to any foreign country.

These statements were part of an interview with the French magazine *Le Nouvel Observateur*. The prince said the only interpretation of the Afghanistan invasion is that the Soviet Union wants to spread its influence over the Gulf area.

Prince Sultan urged the United States to help find a just settlement of the Middle East crisis and lauded France for its "courageous initiative" in calling for self-determination for the Palestinians. (See Story page 3)



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Yamani: Oil output to be maintained

LONDON, March 25 (R) — Oil Minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani made clear Tuesday that Saudi Arabia was keeping its oil output at its current high level at least until July, which should ensure that planned cuts by other producers do not mean a shortage and soaring prices. (*Arab News* and *Asharq Al Awsat* first reported on March 4 that Sheikh Yamani was expected to announce the decision shortly.)

But Sheikh Yamani added a warning that Saudi Arabia could not be expected to go on for ever using its huge 9.5 million barrels a day production to save the world from the consequences of unrestrained greed for oil.

In a speech to Britain's Institute of Directors he called for a global energy program to "move our world away from the edge of an abyss."

Among guiding principles for this he suggested that industrialized countries both try harder to conserve energy and scrap or mitigate environmental restraints on the development of alternative to oil, such as coal and nuclear power.

Sheikh Yamani was asked from the audience whether speculation was correct that Saudi output would be drastically cut — Kuwait, Libya and Venezuela, and some other producers plan cuts from April 1 which will reduce total output by the Organization of Petroleum Countries (OPEC) to below 29

million barrels a day, compared with 30.7 in 1979.

Sheikh Yamani replied that the world's biggest exporter, would stay at its present level of 9.5 million barrels a day, at least for the second quarter of 1980.

Saudi Arabia went up, by one million barrels daily, in this figure last year when output there was slashed during the revolution there, oil was short and world prices doubled.

Industry sources say it appears that Saudi Arabia now wants to ensure that no new shortages triggers more price leapfrogging and that, in a stable market, OPEC can return to the orderly, unified pricing system which it abandoned during last year's crisis.

But Sheikh Yamani told his audience of 3,000 British businessmen that depletion of world oil reserves was so rapid that it was possible to envisage their exhaustion with catastrophic results, in the not very distant future.

"Saudi Arabia has so far been able to delay this abyssal prospect by using its abundant production as a palliative to thwart shortages in world supplies," he said.

"Most observers believe, however, that this unrequited and sacrificial attitude on its part will not go on indefinitely," Sheikh Yamani said.

Outlining six principles for a global energy

strategy, Sheikh Yamani said that, without such a program "the world must prepare to face recurrent events similar to those that came about in 1979."

But each time the consequences would be more severe.

First, he stressed that energy consumption needed to be more justly shared and that money and technical help must flow to energy-deprived countries to develop local resources.

Over-consumption of oil by rich nations might already have robbed developing countries of their share of energy, he suggested, dooming their people to low living standards indefinitely. If so, "what will be the consequences for the world community as a whole?"

Sheikh Yamani called for conservation in industrial countries and thirdly, for urgent decisions on developing alternative energy sources. "Environmental constraints should be removed or at least mitigated."

This might involve hazards but a shortage of energy "would bring about a world catastrophe."

Sheikh Yamani called for agreement on which agencies would supervise energy development, for more investment in energy projects and for a change in the attitude of Western media which, he said, should abandon "misconceptions and acrimonious vituperations."

'No criticism will force him out'

Ex-Shah accepts Sadat's retirement offer

CAIRO, March 25 (Agencies) — President Anwar Sadat Tuesday said the deposed Shah of Iran had accepted the offer to take permanent retirement in Egypt and vowed that the amount of criticism from Iran would not succeed in forcing him out.

"They may shout until the end of the world," Sadat said in referring to big anti-Egyptian protests in Tehran Tuesday.

"Let me tell the people that their shouts will never bother us," Sadat told reporters after visiting the Shah in his hospital room Tuesday.

"He is preparing now for X-rays and he is still running a high fever. He is in the hands of very capable doctors," Sadat said.

The Egyptian leader said it was likely

Muhammad Reza Pahlavi would undergo

surgery in the next few days "but he is leaving

the whole thing to the hands of his doctors,

they will decide." The Shah is said to have

cancer of the spleen.

As he did when the Shah arrived Monday,

Sadat stressed the Shah "will stay with us

here permanently. The Shah, even if he didn't

want this, I shall impose it upon him."

Egypt has been the only country willing to

give permanent refuge to the former

emperor, who fled his country in January last

year and failed to gain asylum in a string of

Western nations.

Sadat brushed aside threats of retaliation

by the Iranian revolutionary regime and

declined to speculate on the effect of the

unnamed administration officials in Washington said Monday they thought the Shah's flight from Panama would not seriously affect the hostage situation. Pahlavi flew to Cairo 24 hours before the Iranian regime was to file an extradition request.

A Cairo newspaper reported Tuesday the United States tried to persuade Sadat to tone down his reception of the Shah. But Sadat and his family went to the airport and gave Pahlavi a red-carpet welcome.

Al Akbar newspaper, which is state-controlled, also reported the Shah left Panama because of an alleged American Central Intelligence Agency plan to poison him.

Sadat referred to a statement by Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr in which he said the Shah would prove to be a poisoned gift for the Egyptian leader.

"Let me tell you this, I am a Muslim and a

true Muslim, and this is Islam," Sadat said.

"Not the Islam they practice there in Iran,

hatred and vengeance. We shall stick to this."

Sadat said the Shah could reside perman-

ently anywhere in Egypt that he liked, and

added there were lots of residences prepared

for him. The Shah's entourage and some

members of his family have already been given a small guest palace in Cairo to stay in.

"You should ask President Carter this," said Sadat. "This is something that concerns the United States... for me, I can't answer this."

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Later Sadat told a meeting of citizens that

by hosting the Shah Egypt was not taking a

stand against the Iranian revolution.

"We want to tell them in Iran we are not

against the people of Iran or their revolution

which we recognized. By honoring Muhammad

Reza Pahlavi today we are honoring the

true Islamic values," Sadat said.

While Sadat was applauded loudly at every

other word, *Al Shabab* newspaper, the voice

of the opposition socialist labor party, repeated

its stand that the Shah was unwelcome

here.

"We do not welcome the Shah here, to

spare the Egyptian people the burden of his

protection and security, protecting him from

his own people who revolted against him,"

the weekly said.

Algeria, Jordan stress support for Palestinians

AMMAN, March 25 (R) — President Chadli Benjedid of Algeria and King Hussein of Jordan have emphasized their determination to promote Arab solidarity and support the Palestinian Arab population in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, official sources said.

Benjedid, who is on a tour of Syria, Jordan and Iraq, was dinner guest Monday at the king while they discussed the current Arab situation, international affairs and bilateral relations.

"An atmosphere of fraternity, confidence and full understanding prevailed over the talks," the sources said.

"There has been full agreement between

the Jordanian and Algerian sides on all ques-

tions discussed."

Benjedid arrived here Monday from Damascus where he declared that his country supported Syria in its confrontation with Israel and American imperialism.

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During stop in Kingdom W. German to discuss export credit security

BONN, March 25 (R) — West German Finance Minister Hans Matthoefer said he will leave on Wednesday for economic and trade talks in Greece, Saudi Arabia and Turkey.

He told reporters he would spend one day in each country to discuss matters such as debt rescheduling and the security of West Germany's export credits.

Matthoefer, who is organizing international aid for Turkey, said he would not be able to attend a meeting in Paris on Wednesday of the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development to discuss the matter.

West Germany will be represented at the meeting of the 24-nation Paris-based OECD by Finance Ministry Secretary of State Manfred Lahnstein.

Abdullah to watch maneuvers

RIYADH, March 25 (SPA) — Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, will see the final stages of maneuvers by the joint divisions of the National Guard and the Royal Air Force.

These maneuvers had begun 10 days ago

Saudi ambassador received

JEDDAH, March 25 (SPA) — North Yemen's deputy premier for foreign affairs and foreign minister, Dr. Hassan Makki, received the Saudi Arabian chargé d'affaires in Sanaa, Mahmoud Badwi, Tuesday. They discussed bilateral relations and ways of promoting it.

Meanwhile, a Saudi Arabian health delegation arrived here Tuesday for few days, during which they will equip and hand over a number of clinics to the Yemeni Ministry of Health.

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BRIEFS

LONDON, March 25 (SPA) — Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abd Yaman met with senior media representatives during his current visit to Britain. He also had lunch with the executive managers of Reuter's news agency and discussed ways of cooperation. He is accompanied by Deputy Minister Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Asqah.

DAMMAM, March 25 (SPA) — The Social Insurance bureau in the Eastern Province granted SR12 million for 6,200 cases as monthly payments and assistance, in the last six months. The director of the bureau, Muhammad Al-Sheikh, Tuesday said that a committee for issuing the money was distributed the grants to 1,050 beneficiaries in Khafji, Safaniya, Nuaiyriya, Jubail and Raheemah. Social Insurance branches in Jirarah and Sarrar issued money to 3,000 subscribers, of which 2,200 were paid by checks. Sheikh said that total money paid to subscribers in the Eastern Province in the year 1979/1980, has amounted to SR24 million.

JEDDAH, March 25 — The Director General of Saudi Arabian Airlines, Sheikh Ahmed Mattar, recently announced that by a resolution of the Saudi Board of Directors, Mr. Hisham Al-Bassam has been appointed as Vice President Marketing. Bassam has taken over the position as a result of his vast experience in the field of Marketing, besides his qualifications and courses obtained during his former appointments and services. He was rendering his duties and responsibilities, of every work assigned to him, in a professional manner which made him gain the confidence and respect of his colleagues and superiors in Saudi.

JEDDAH, March 25 — The Ithama Establishment for Advertising, Public Relations and Marketing Research is to organize its second annual cultural rally Wednesday. The function will be held in the evening at Kandara Palace Hotel, and will be attended by high-ranking officials, intellectuals and persons interested in public affairs. Following recitation from the Holy Quran and a speech by Ithama's Director General, a poetical and

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Minister inspects Jubail

DAHHRAN, March 25 (SPA) — Austrian Defense Minister Otto Roeschel returned here after a visit to Jubail where he inspected the Institute of Marine Studies, ship repair facilities and the dry dock. Later he had lunch at the King Abdul Aziz naval base with a number of senior officers.

Roeschel, who is on an official visit to the Kingdom at the invitation of Defense Minister Prince Sultan, was accompanied by Prince Muhammad ibn Jilwi, acting governor of the

Eastern Province and General Muhammad Al-Hammad, chief of staff and other senior officers.

While at the base Roeschel was briefed on the functions of the various departments, flight and aircraft communications, flight training and the F-5 simulator. He was also shown a documentary film and visited the Technical Studies Institute in Dahran.

The minister had arrived from Riyadh in the morning.

Trade exchange to be discussed

Industry ministers to meet

opening of the French Home exhibition here, Saturday. More than 80 French companies will take part in the exhibition.

The exhibition will be the first organized by France in Saudi Arabia for several years.

French small manufacturers so far unknown in Saudi Arabia will constitute 4/5 of the firms displaying their products.

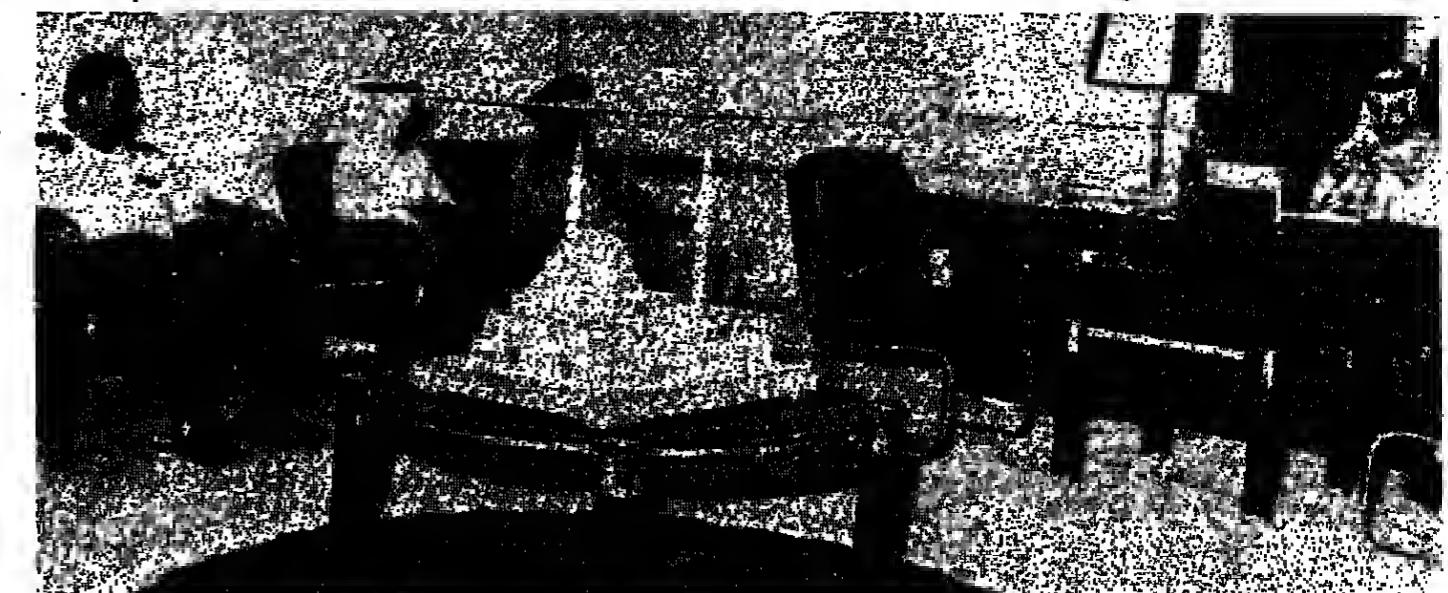
Microwave nears completion

HASA, March 25 (SPA) — The director of the Telephone Department in the Eastern Province, Abdul Aziz Al-Fawzan, Tuesday said that the microwave project will come under operation shortly, and 1,000 telephone lines will be installed by the end of this year, as part of the telephone network expansion in Hasa.

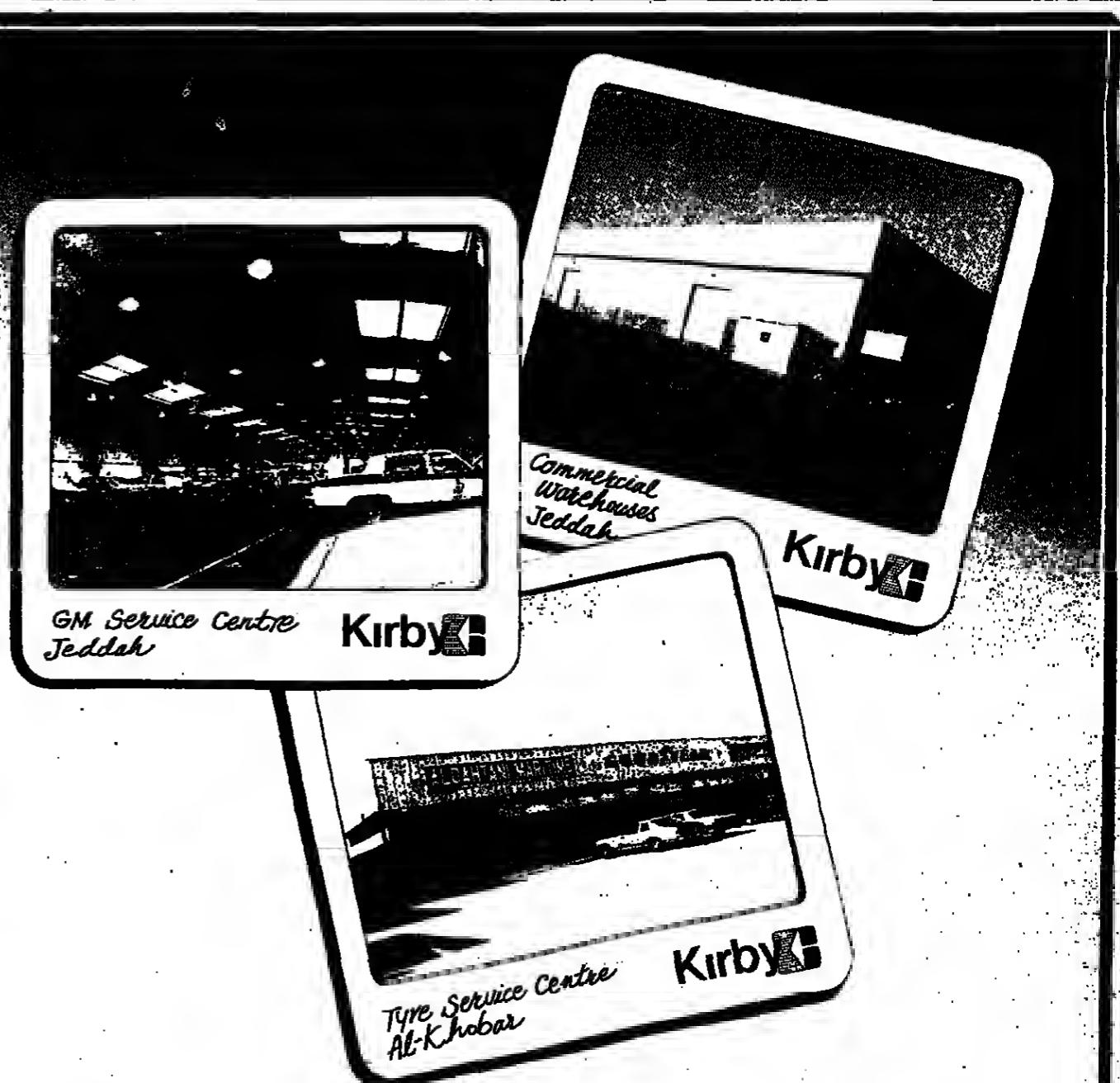
Internal and international telephone trunks of Hasa have been transferred to the trunks of Dammam. Subscribers in Hasa can

ring Dammam directly now, and they have to dial 90 for internal or international calls. In Dammam a Saudi Arabian firm was awarded a contract to maintain the Qaisumah to Arar road. The contract is believed to be worth more than SR10 million in one year, the director of the department of roads of the Eastern Province, Sami Fauda, said Tuesday.

The Qaisumah-Arar road is 580 kilometers long.



TRESPASSING: Deputy Governor of Mecca Prince Saud ibn Abdul Mohsen chaired Monday a meeting of the committee to control trespassing on government properties in the region. He said while the authorities should be firm in dealing with trespassers they should give property to landless citizens in the distribution of government-owned land.



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Peace treaty anniversary marred by autonomy fiasco

CAIRO, March 25 (R) — Wednesday's first anniversary of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty passes without celebration in Egypt because of the failure so far of talks on Palestinian autonomy.

But it coincides with a new initiative from President Jimmy Carter to meet the leaders of the two countries next month. He will meet President Anwar Sadat on April 8. Egyptian officials said.

Western diplomats here said the separate meetings in Washington with President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin could result in concessions from both sides.

They recalled that the two leaders softened their hardline attitudes during previous meetings with Carter.

In recent interviews, Sadat has shown growing impatience and disappointment at the failure of negotiations on the Palestinian question to make any progress in the past 10 months. He has said he holds Israel responsible if they fail to produce results by May 26, a goal set for the con-

cclusion of the autonomy talks.

Egypt regards the May 26 date as a deadline but Israel considers it a target date. Sadat recently said it was an absolute date and failure to meet it would have grave consequences for Israel and an adverse effect on international relations.

He did not elaborate but the Egyptian president also accused Israel in an interview of taking two steps back for every step forward in the autonomy talks.

The talks, the most serious challenge so far to the peace process, have run into difficulties over sharply divergent interpretations of self-rule for the 1.5 million Palestinians in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Egypt sees the Camp David accords, concluded in September 1978, as stipulating wide-ranging political, legislative and other powers, leading eventually to Palestinian self-determination.

Israel, which calls the two regions by their Biblical names of Judea, Samaria and Gaza, claims they are divinely bestowed on the Jewish people and must never be allowed to leave Israeli control.

Palestinian leaders in these areas refuse to have anything to do with the autonomy talks, dismissing them as an attempt to legalize Israeli occupation.

Israel, which annexed the Arab eastern sector of Jerusalem in the 1967 war, has repeatedly said that East Jerusalem will forever remain a part of its capital.

The issue is yet another intricate problem for the faltering talks, although Sadat proposed as a possible solution a joint Arab-Israeli administration in a united city.

The appointment of Yitzhak Shamir as new foreign minister in Israel has further complicated the situation.

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President Sadat
Israel has been under criticism from Egypt.

The process of normalizing relations between the two countries has been proceeding according to plan following Israel's withdrawal from two-thirds of the Sinai Peninsula. But the exchange of ambassadors on Feb. 26 inflamed opposition feelings in Egypt and stirred militant Muslim groups, who demonstrated on university campuses and outside mosques.

Sadat, they said, had brought forward the date for normalization without the slightest indication that Israel would budge from its hardline position. Sadat had promised to complete normalization by March, four months earlier than stipulated in the peace treaty.

The crescendo of protest against normalization increased with the government's failure to solve the economy's most pressing problems. Inflation, for example, is now running officially at 30 per cent a year.

At their summit meetings in Baghdad and Tunis last year the Arabs had agreed in theory to impose strict economic, political and diplomatic sanctions on Egypt.

Sadat claimed that Egypt had managed this year to do without Arab financial assistance, estimated at \$750 million annually.

Hassan denies setbacks in W. Sahara war

PARIS, March 25 (R) — King Hassan of Morocco says his country has not suffered serious setbacks in fighting Polisario guerrillas for control of the Western Sahara.

"That is entirely wrong," the king told reporters Monday after lunching with President Giscard d'Estaing on a hurriedly arranged working visit to France.

The king is seeking arms from France and is negotiating a huge weapons package with the United States to equip his forces who are caught up in the desert war, now in its fifth year.

King Hassan said Morocco sought a negotiated settlement in the war with the Algerian-backed Polisario Front.

"We are fighting in the Sahara to reach a negotiated settlement. We are not fighting for the sake of fighting," he said as he left the Elysee Presidential Palace.

The king said he challenged anyone to prove that figures mentioned in Moroccan communiques on the fighting were wrong. "The same is not true on the other side."

The Polisario guerrillas have said they killed or wounded 2,000 Moroccans in a battle from March 1 to 11 a few hundred kilometers south of Marrakesh.

The king discussed with President Giscard the Middle East and the Western Sahara conflict.

He agreed with Giscard's declaration backing the Palestinian people's right to self-determination and for the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) to play a role in the



King Hassan

negotiations for a global peaceful settlement in the Middle East.

Hassan appealed to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat to reject the Camp David proposals for the autonomy of the Palestinian people.

"I hope for President Sadat's sake and for the renown of Egypt and the place it occupies, and should occupy in the Arab world, that the Egyptian president categorically rejects the (Palestinian) autonomy proposals in the form which these have been made to him," he said.

Hassan had flown to France from Marrakesh where he presided over a meeting of the Islamic conference's committee on the future of Jerusalem.

The Marrakesh meeting supported Giscard's statement on the Palestinian people's future during his tour of Gulf states, Jordan and Saudi Arabia earlier this month.

We don't seek destruction of Israel, Arafat says

VIENNA, March 25 (Agencies) — The Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization Yasser Arafat says he has neither "the intention to kill anybody nor to destroy anybody" in Israel, the Austrian newspaper *Die Presse* reported Tuesday.

Asked whether the goal of establishing a Palestinian state or a homeland also meant a "destruction of present-day Israel," Arafat replied, "The most important goal for me is that my people can live in peace in the land of peace, in a free country, in a democratic state."

"I neither have the intention to kill anybody, nor to destroy anybody. Our people want to establish their state in their homeland. We are not waging a war for the sake of war, we wage no war to kill anybody, we are attacked," the interview quoted him as saying.

Arafat said the Palestinians had suggested they were willing to live in a democratic state with Muslims, Jews and Christians in equality, justice and fraternity, but that they were rejected.

"Our second proposal," which he said was accepted by the national congress, called for the "establishment of an independent Palestinian state on each foot of land in Palestine from which the Israelis withdraw."

Arafat said any meetings among U.S. President Jimmy Carter, Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat were "of no significance as it was only a continuation of the conspiracy against our population."

He said he was certain the talks would "reach a dead point," even if "some cosmetics" were applied.

Arafat denied he was a Communist, but he was glad to have friendly relations with Communist states. "They always have been for our just cause, for our rights and they help us and thereby also the cause of the Arab peoples," he said.

Three killed in Istanbul

ISTANBUL, March 25 (R) — Armed commandos enforcing martial law shot dead a university student and wounded a textile worker who were hanging posters Tuesday in the Istanbul district of Kumkapi.

In other incidents of political violence which has claimed nearly 3,000 lives in two years, a headmaster was killed by unidentified gunmen as he was walking to work and an ironworker was shot dead in Pendik, the outskirts of Istanbul.

France evacuates Europeans as clashes continue in Chad

PARIS, March 25 (Agencies) — French paratroopers evacuated more than 500 Europeans from Chad Monday as fighting continued among rival factions in the capital, N'Djamena, official sources said Tuesday.

They said 218 French and foreign civilians, including a large number of Americans, were flown to neighboring Cameroun, and 234 civilians were evacuated in a convoy of more than 100 vehicles under military escort to northern Cameroun.

Despite an agreed ceasefire, forces loyal to President Goukouni Oueddei and those loyal to Defense Minister Hissene Habre continued to fight for positions in the city center, the sources said.

"There is no way to confirm the number of casualties," one official said. "The fighting is now sporadic, but intense for position on the streets."

U.S. officials in Paris confirmed France's evacuation operation, its second major evacuation of Westerners from the war-torn capital in less than a year.

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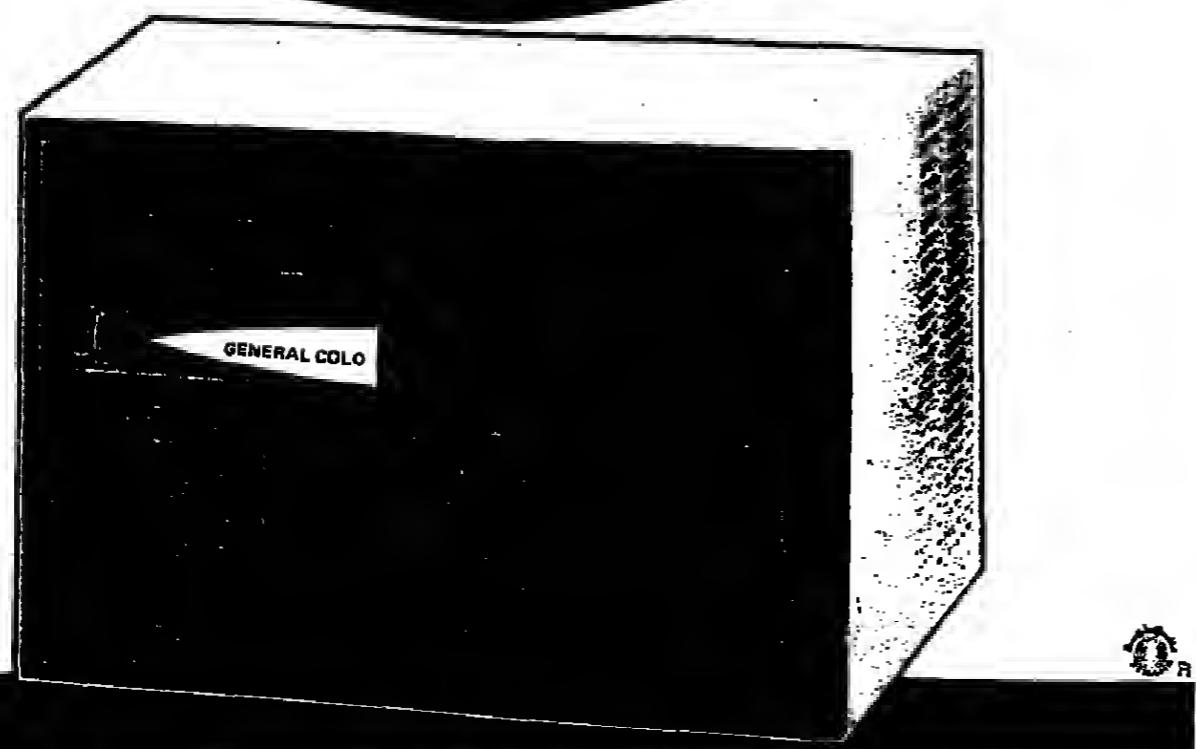
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Louisville wins NCAA basketball championship

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, March 25 (AP) — Superstar Darrell Griffith scored a game-high 23 points Monday night, helping the Louisville Cardinals to their tense 59-54 victory over UCLA and the NCAA championship.

"I felt I had to take charge. I'm the senior," Louisville's All-American guard said.

Seven points by Griffith in the last six minutes helped turn around the tough defensive struggle and gain Louisville its first national title.

"I knew the other guys could do it, and I

didn't want to force anything," Griffith said. "But I felt it was my responsibility."

Griffith also scored 34 Saturday to help the Cardinals beat Iowa 80-72 in the semifinals.

Griffith scored 11 hard-earned points in the first half against a tenacious UCLA defense that held Louisville to a poor 11-of-31 shooting performance. The Cardinals only managed to score 36 points in the first half and went into the dressing room at intermission trailing by two.

"Coach (Denny Crum) told us we weren't hustling," said Louisville forward Derek Smith. "He told us to go out early during intermission before UCLA did and just loosen up."

Louisville might have been loose, but the game was tight the rest of the way — until Griffith made his presence known. The Cardinals trailed by five points in the late stages before rallying behind the high-flying, 6-foot-4 Griffith, who leaps as high as any college player in the country with a 48-inch vertical jump.

"Coming back has been the story of this team all year," said Smith, who put in two killing foul shots at the end for Louisville.

"This shows a lot of people. They called us a team that would fold, but we really showed them."

The victory was especially sweet for Crum, a former UCLA player and assistant coach whose Louisville team had lost three times before to the Bruins in the NCAA playoffs.

"This time it was our turn," Crum said. "I love it. This is the greatest. The kids really held their poise and hit the free throws down the stretch."

UCLA coach Larry Brown applauded Griffith as "a great player" and applauded the entire Louisville team for its poise.

Choosing 22 finalists

World Soccer Cup quest begins

LONDON, March 25 (R) — The scramble for 22 of the 24 places in the 1982 World Soccer Cup finals in Spain started Tuesday, with matches in Nicosia and Tel Aviv.

Cyprus face the Republic of Ireland in Nicosia and Israel meet Northern Ireland in Tel Aviv in the first of 126 European qualifying games which will produce 13 finalists. Europe's 14th finalist, Spain, qualify automatically as hosts.

Argentina, the holders, are the other automatic qualifiers. They will be one of four South American countries competing in Spain, the others qualifying as winners of three three-team groups.

With Europe and South America allocated 18 final places, there are only six for the rest of the world — two each from the Africa, Asia-Oceania and North-Central America

and Caribbean (CONCACAF) qualifying groups.

After Tuesday's matches in Nicosia and Tel Aviv, the next world cup game will be between Guyana and Grenada in the Caribbean.

The match is part of the CONCACAF qualifying competition which 11 years ago produced one of the world cup's most dramatic preliminary games. El Salvador and Honduras went to war after a match in June 1969 which El Salvador won 3-0.

It was only this month that the two countries agreed to re-establish diplomatic relations which were severed at the time of the war.

El Salvador and Honduras are due to meet in qualifying games in October and November this year.

What happened next remains a mystery to

The Grand National Steeplechase rides again

LONDON, March 25 (R) — For a horse, Red Rum has carved out a nice career for himself.

At 15, he is chauffeur-driven in a custom-built trailer, earns \$50,000 sterling (\$110,000) a year opening bars, supermarkets and attending garden parties and has had a race named after him.

The secret of his success? Three victories and two second places in one of Britain's most famous annual sporting rituals, the spectacular Grand National Steeplechase.

On Saturday, around 40 horses will line up at Aintree, Liverpool, for this year's race, with fame and fortune four and a half miles (seven kilometers) and 30 daunting fences away.

Such is the lasting international appeal of the race that over 200 million people throughout the world will watch the event on television.

Many will have a financial interest, having hacked a horse for a win or place. But others will be watching in the hope of witnessing the one moment of high drama which every Grand National seems to bring.

In 1956, the vast crowd at the course was already celebrating a royal victory when Devon Loch, owned by Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, was well in front just 100 yards from the winning post.

What happened next remains a mystery to

this day. Perhaps Devon Loch tried to jump an imaginary 31st fence, perhaps he suffered a sudden spasm of cramp.

In any event, he suddenly sprawled on all fours and the race was lost.

Luck — good or bad — is often the deciding factor. Fences like Beecher's Brook, the Chair, Valentine's and the Canal Turn have all to be safely negotiated.

But even the most sure-footed jumper and the most expert jockey can come to grief, brought down by a casualty in front.

Such was the case in 1967 when 100-1 shot Foinavon meandered to victory following an incredible melee at the 23rd fence.

All the leading contenders floundered on landing and Foinavon, who was far behind the rest of the field, charted a slow and careful route through the mayhem.

The 1964 winner Moifaa was even luckier — if you can believe the extraordinary story that surrounds his arrival in Britain from New Zealand.

The ship carrying the eight-year-old gelding apparently sank off the English coast with all hands lost.

Moifaa, however, swam for hours until he reached land, staged a remarkable recovery

from his ordeal, and a few days later romped home by eight lengths.

No doubt impressed by Moifaa's frolics by the sea, last year's winner Rubistic trained on a deserted beach in Scotland while recovering from severe dehydration.

One big name not in attendance will be Red Rum "Rummy," as he is affectionately known in Britain, will be visiting Aintree on Friday, instead, to parade in front of his adoring public before the running of the Red Rum Novices' Handicap Chase.

The match was to be resumed Tuesday.

Meanwhile, former world champion

Dane, Soviet tied in chess tournament

LONE PINE, California, March 25 (AP) — Bent Larsen on Denmark and Soviet chess champion Efim Geller were tied for the lead of the 10th annual Louis D. Statham international chess tournament here Monday with five points after six rounds of play.

Larsen picked up a hard-fought victory Sunday over Jack Peters of Los Angeles to move into a tie with Geller after agreeing to a draw after 13 moves with Florin Cheorghiu of Romania, who stood alone in third place with 4½ points. Geller has now recorded four wins and two draws.

Among those tied with four points were Russia's Yuri Balashov and American Michael Wilder, who drew in a short game. John Sedorowicz of the United States and Eugene Torre of the Philippines also drew into fourth place with Balashov and Wilder.

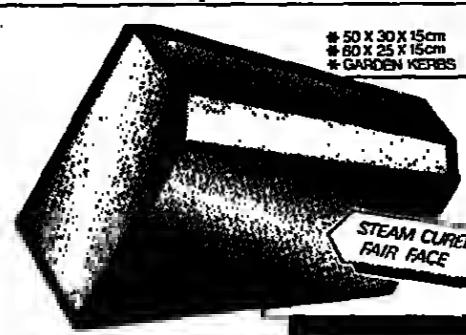
Needing one win to move up to four points were Argentina's Miguel Quinteros, who handed Gheorghiu his only loss of the tournament Oscar Panno, also of Argentina, Roman Dzindzilashvili of Israel and American Lez Albur.

The 43 players from 12 countries are competing for a \$15,000 first prize in the \$50,000 tournament, which is scheduled to go through Wednesday's ninth round.

The tournament is named after Louis D. Statham, the founder of Statham Instruments Co. of Los Angeles who has retired to Lone Pine to breed racehorses.

Meanwhile, former world champion Mikhail Tal held a slim lead in pieces over two-time Soviet champion Lev Polugayevsky after the adjournment of their first match in the quarterfinals of the world championship.

After 41 moves Monday, Tal, playing black, retained one bishop and one knight, while Polugayevsky maintained one rook with his pawns. The Soviet news agency, reporting the moves from the Soviet central Asian city of Alma Ata, said the situation was "complex" when the match was adjourned. The match was to be resumed Tuesday.



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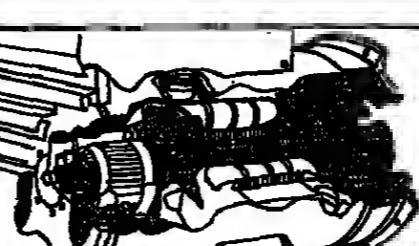
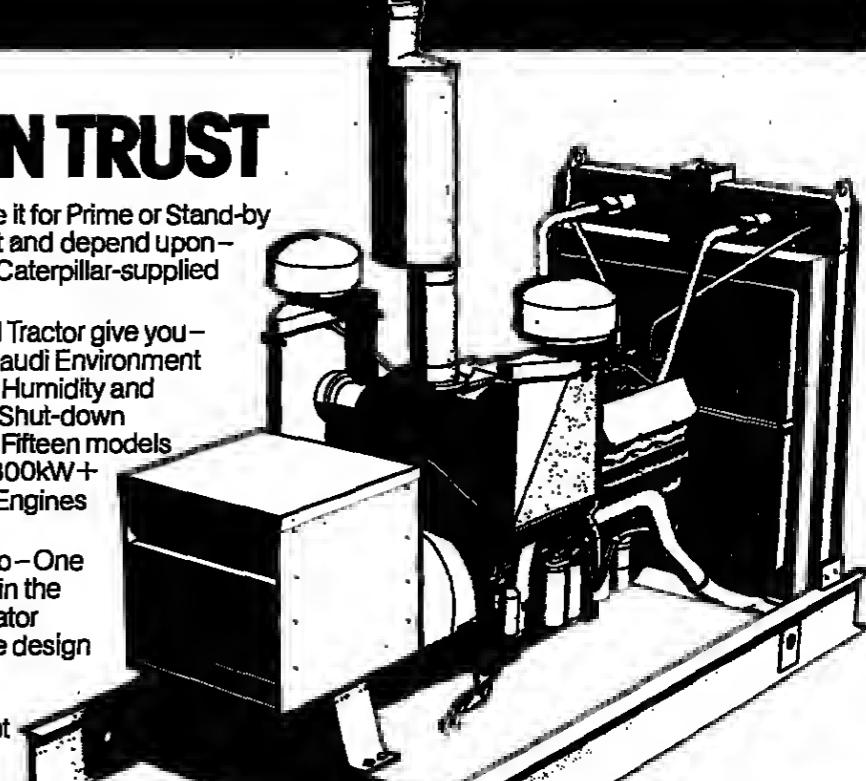
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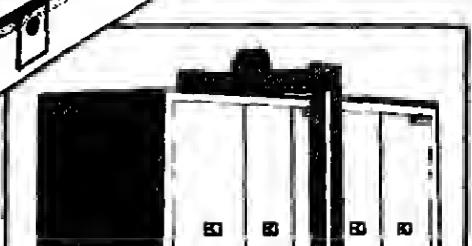
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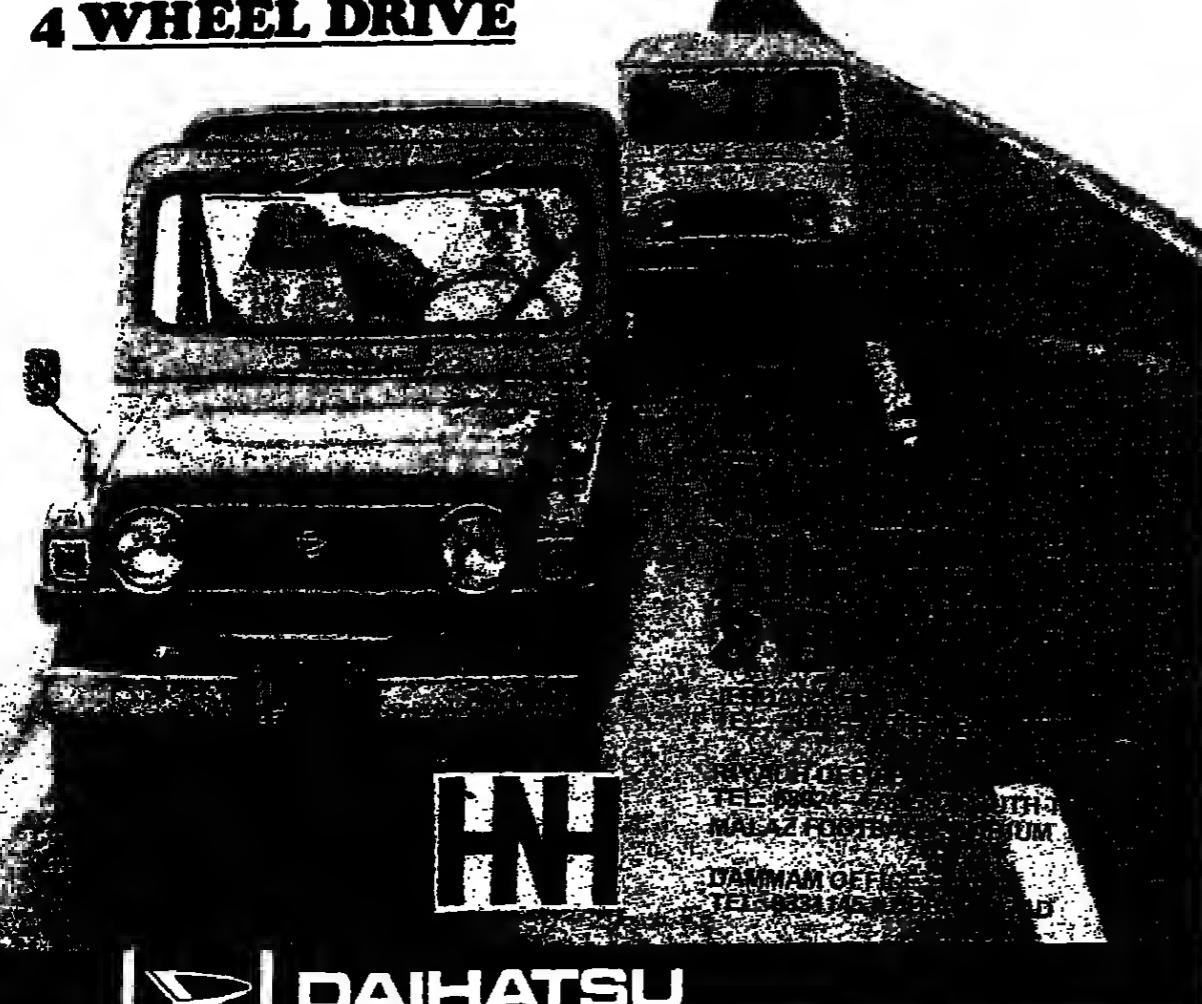
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An impressionist at work in Jeddah

JEDDAH — The workers of Shirley Chu Mitschke's show at the Méridien Hotel's French Restaurant, "The Collection entitled 'Paris Impressionists,'" like the 13 paintings have brought color and life to the routine greens and lavenders of the dining room. The exhibition also brings out Mitschke's versatility. Before the Méridien exhibition, Mitschke concentrated on figurative life, small painting and figurative collages.

"I thought if I was to become painting for a French atmosphere then I should do something typically French — so I chose the impressionist style," Mitschke said. The assignment was "difficult" since she made many visits to Paris while living in Germany.

around and I had little response when I spoke in English or French. I felt that all the years of lectures and burning the midnight oil over my account and the numerous law were wasted and my signature, which endorsed many official letters was worthless in Germany."

She then accepted a job as a typist in a large company with one of the biggest private libraries in Europe. For Mitschke the office was ideally located since it was practically in Cologne. "As my German was very limited, to say the least, the books that gave me the most meaning were the vivid impressionist works of artists like Monet, van Gogh, Cézanne, Rousseau, Gauguin.

"I used to 'dabble' and paint a lot of

Mitschke's hours in Germany were also taken up by her husband, the household chores, meals, the upkeep of her garden and vegetable patch, the office, the education center, friends, and German relatives so she very rarely had the time to unpack her painting kit. "Admittedly, I would rather go cycling and wandering to the German forests, or accompany my husband to the football matches rather than linger alone in the atelier with a blank canvas in front of me. The painting by Georg Friedrich Kersting of a lonely artist at work has always haunted me.

"Then I realized I wasn't quite satisfied — something was missing when I wasn't drawing. So I would do little sketches and give

available. For her, meeting new faces and exchanging recipes also included meeting other mothers and playmates for her little girl. The ideal weather also succeeded in tempting her to spend afternoons and evenings on the tennis courts.

"Personally, I have found painting to be extremely lonely — especially as I have to turn my back on others and concentrate just a few feet ahead of me and transform a blank sheet of canvas so that it makes sense as a visual means of communication. As I can hardly bear to turn my back on my little daughter when she is awake, I have to make an effort to add the wee hours of dawn or the late, later hours of the night to my day. Long hours of bending over a piece of work that requires minute detail can have noticeable effects on the eyes and posture of an artist — namely she squints and has a hunchback."

"Although I have done many things and have had many distractions while living in several countries, people have said to me that my art appeals to them because it is different — has a fresh approach and can be easily recognized. My style is different because it pertains to real life. Sometimes I draw flowers withered rather than fresh. I draw life as it

"I realized I wasn't quite satisfied. Something was missing when I wasn't drawing."

is — not as people think it should appear. The figurative collage is different. It shows many people doing their different jobs at once with vivid colors. At the same time it shows habits and characteristics of people in Saudi Arabia. All can be seen in one picture.

Art is an expensive hobby, not only in terms of long irregular hours, but also the money an artist has to pay for brushes, paints, canvases, glass and frames.

"One should have the gumption to support one's hobby, if not through the sale of one's art at least through supplement income from an acceptable part-time undertaking. Making one's own way in the competitive world of art is half the fun. Establishing one's personality and sincerity is very important for the finished canvas never fails to radiate the glow of a free artist."

Another decision an artist has to make is whether to part with his paintings, and if so at what price? Sales benefit dealers more than artists, yet artists are often accused of selling out when they charge a fee.

Mitschke said she is grateful her parents insisted she pay attention to mathematics and other subjects, rather than commit herself totally to art. "Today I have other occupations to fall back on should I be confronted with lean years, but I shall always be able to paint. Not because I have no other alternative, but because I feel sincerely free as an artist. Moreover, my profession affords me a lot of leeway."

"It was an exhilarating experience to paint the Paris scenes. Finally, five years of dabbling found its way to proper expression. And though the works are not masterpieces, they do establish Mitschke as a budding artist in her own right."

The all-new schizophrenic look for Fall

By Marilyn Luther
The Los Angeles Times

MILAN. — Get ready to wear your blazer backwards, your pants with one leg trousered, one leg skirted and your knee-length skirt with the front bisected in cuffed trousers.

It's all part of the new schizophrenic look that characterizes the latest Italian clothes for Fall. First, there's the manic-depressive hemline — up one minute, down the next with highs and lows from mini to maxi. Some long-time fashion watchers see these hemlines tied to the dollar, and there's a lot of talk about high hemlines for high dimes. Mega-bucks for minis. Others say the hemline craziness is merely another mark of mass fashion confusion triggered by economic uncertainties.

With prices up 20 per cent to 30 per cent over last Fall and travel expenses now averaging 300-a-day, air fare excluded, the cost of doing business in Europe is now so inflated that designers cannot afford to take too many chances.

There are, in fact, a lot of tranquilized clothes here — jackets, skirts, pants and sweaters so moderate, so even-tempered, so last-year-in-Paris as to be dull, or, in some cases, so magnificently mindless as to be beautiful but dumb. Cases in point: the non-stop parade of ivory wool flannel pantsuits — 99 and 44-100 per cent pure classic.

The men they call the king of the blazers, Giorgio Armani, proved himself worthy of the title by issuing newly elongated jackets and pairing them with cuffed trouser-skirts, some of them hybrids made with pants legs in front, skirts in the rear. Man-tailoring reaches new highs at Armani in navy pin stripe suits so authentically executed that they might also have been shown in his men's wear collection. The masculine look is emphasized by the use of low heel shoes — either inch-high suede pumps or oxfords.

The newest Armani pants have side pleats and peg in a little at the cuffs. Some of these are dramatized with contrast fabric, all in black velvet pants with pleat insets of black and white prints. Others are in leather embossed to look like cobblestones. Armani's somber colors — smoke, blue,



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gray, brown, black and white — extend into evening, where the only dresses have stiffened strapless bodies of iridescent taffeta. The dresses are bisected at the waist and rimmed at the hem in matching velvet.

If Armani's inspiration is woman as custom-tailored man, Gianni Versace's is woman as little boy, complete with oversized man—little-kid jackets in checked wool, leather jodhpurs and visored newsboy caps. The big, roomy, round-shouldered jacket is a signature in both this collection and the one Versace designs for Genny. His half-pant, half-skirt look first appeared in white leather with gold etching. It is worn with a white leather blazer. The look reappears later in softer, satiny panne velvet and chiffon.

Versace goes on the gold standard in magnificent metallic embroideries on oversized white flannel overcoats. They appear on

sleeves, collars, back yokes, even on shoes. Versace's one concession to folklorico comes in his Greek-inspired, full-skirted dresses over pants, all shown with leather blousons.

At a time when others are putting aside fashion invention in favor of salability, Mariuccia Mandelli of Krizia comes up with a collection that is as witty as it is wearable, as directional as it is beautiful. Of all the shoulder shenanigans on tap for next Fall, Mandelli's gold braid epaulettes on silk tunics might well become the trendiest. Her bold shoulders look like they were inspired by the bridegrooms they put atop Viennese wedding cakes.

The Mandelli wit also appears in such accessories as fake leopard spots and ankle warmers. And jewel-encrusted lacey dickeys that transform otherwise simple black angora chemise dresses into dazzling.

Archbishop shot in El Salvador

SAN SALVADOR, March 25 (R) — San Salvador's Catholic archbishop, who braved death threats from left and right wing extremists in his battle for human rights in violence-stricken El Salvador, was shot dead Monday night as he prepared to say mass.

Gummen opened fire on Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero with machineguns just before the start of a service in the chapel at the Divine Providence hospital in a western suburb of the city.

The 63-year-old prelate was seriously wounded. Nuns took him to the capital's main hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Police said there was no immediate clue to the identity of the gunmen who escaped from the chapel. Romero, nominated last year by a group of British parliamentarians for the Nobel peace prize, repeatedly denounced the killings in El Salvador, where hundreds of people have died in fighting among left and right-wing groups and the security forces.

After Pinochet snub

Chile severs Manila ties

SANTIAGO, Chile, March 25 (AP) — President Augusto Pinochet, who canceled an Asian tour while in Fiji after apparently being snubbed by President Ferdinand E. Marcos of the Philippines, has returned to a hero's welcome in Santiago.

He announced Monday that Chile would sever diplomatic relations with the Philippines, declaring angrily: "I cannot accept a slap in the face to my country."

Eight jet fighters swooped overhead and thousands of persons at Pudahuel Airport cheered, waved Chilean flags and tossed rose petals at Pinochet as he left the plane and entered a motorcade for the 24 kms drive into the capital.

The general, known for his stern visage and emotionless demeanor, appeared unaffected as people lining Santiago's streets chanted: "Pinochet! Pinochet!"

He announced the break in relations after arrival at the headquarters of the military junta in the Diego Portales building, where several thousand persons had gathered, "No honorable country can so offend another," he told the cheering crowds.

Pinochet, who is army commander and led the right-wing coup in September 1973 that ousted the late Marxist President Salvador Allende, had flown to Fiji on Saturday to begin an 11-day tour of Asia when he was informed he would not be received by Marcos.

Information ministry officials in Marcos'

His sermons in San Salvador Cathedral, which were broadcast by El Salvador's Catholic radio station, earned him many enemies.

He said he had received many death threats, with the most recent coming from a rightist group. He also said that 72 sticks of dynamite were discovered last week in the sacristy of the cathedral Basilica. Their detonation would have devastated nearby blocks of houses and killed scores of people, he said.

El Salvador's ruling civilian-military junta issued a statement expressing anger at the archbishop's killing and ordering a full investigation. It also decreed three days of national mourning.

In his sermons, Romero often accused the junta of failing to act decisively to rectify that he called injustices in the country.

He went to the Vatican earlier this year to brief Pope John Paul II on the turmoil in El Salvador, where some leftists had come to see him as a powerful spokesman for social justice.

Refugee flow outstripping international resources

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP) — There is no end in sight to the flow of refugees from Indochina and feeding and resettling them is outstripping international resources, the U.S. State Department has told Congress.

Two ranking department officials told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that renewed famine can be expected in Cambodia in the next several months because food shipments probably will not be able to make up for an expected reduced rice crop.

Nonetheless, they said that the programs to feed refugees in camps in Thailand as well as Cambodians who come and go across the border probably has saved one million lives.

Richard Holbrooke, assistant secretary of state for east Asian affairs, said there are no

prospects at the moment of solving the refugee problem in Cambodia because there are no prospects of bringing warring Khmer Rouge forces and Cambodia's Vietnamese occupation troops to the bargaining table.

Ambassador Victor Palmeri, U.S. coordinator for refugee affairs, said that while Vietnamese authorities have begun to permit relief supplies inside Cambodia, the extent of that distribution is unclear and uncertain.

Thus he said the United States and the world community are faced with an expensive dilemma.

"Until we are assured that the relief program within Kampuchea (Cambodia) can prevent renewed famine, we cannot reduce border feeding operations," Palmeri said.

Say U.S. Asian experts

Cambodia has cost about \$ 206 million of which about \$ 79 million was contributed by the United States.

He said international aid now in the pipeline will run out in May. But he noted that U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim has issued an emergency appeal for an additional \$ 262 million to fund the program through the end of the year.

Holbrooke placed much of the blame on the Soviet Union, which he said is supporting 200,000 Vietnamese troops inside Cambodia with aid estimated at \$ 2.5 million a day.

"Without the Soviet Union, the Vietnamese could not sustain what they are now doing Holbrooke said.

Thailand urges world to help settle refugees

BANGKOK, March 25 (AP) — Thailand's new government announced its policy on refugees Tuesday, stressing an urgent need to solve the Indochinese refugee problem "on a humanitarian basis, but taking the nation's security and interest into consideration."

The statement, which Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda will read to Parliament Friday, said Thailand will do its utmost to resettle them, but that the international community to increase its intake of refugees from Thailand.

The brief reference to the refugee problem contained in a 16-page policy statement of the new government did not mention whether Thailand will alter the "open door" policy on Indochinese refugees adopted by the previous government of Gen. Kriangsak Chomchon.

Kriangsak announced last year that Thailand will grant temporary asylum to all Indochinese refugees until they are accepted by third countries. He also said Thailand will give humanitarian assistance to Cambodians along the border until they are able to return to their homeland.

The subject of refugee policy recently has come up for debate after Deputy Prime Minister for Foreign Affairs Thanan Khaman and Foreign Minister Siddhi Savetsila expressed contradicting views.

Thanan, who was foreign minister at the height of the Vietnam war, has been calling for a review of the "open door" attitude. He said it was adopted by the previous government only to earn praises from other countries.

Siddhi, who was foreign minister in the previous cabinet, reiterated that Thailand will not push back the refugees against their will and dismissed Thana's statement as coming from an "outsider."

Thailand now has about 150,000 Indochinese refugees in camps throughout the country and more than 500,000 Cambodians along the Thai-Cambodian border.

FORTUNE TELLER: Cheung Gay, a Chinese fortune teller, reads the palm of a Cambodian refugee at his hut in a refugee camp in Thailand. The refugees await a chance to either return to their embattled homeland or relocate to Western nations.

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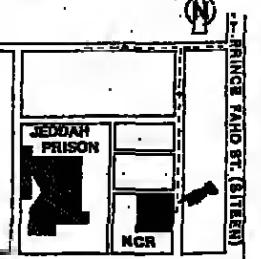
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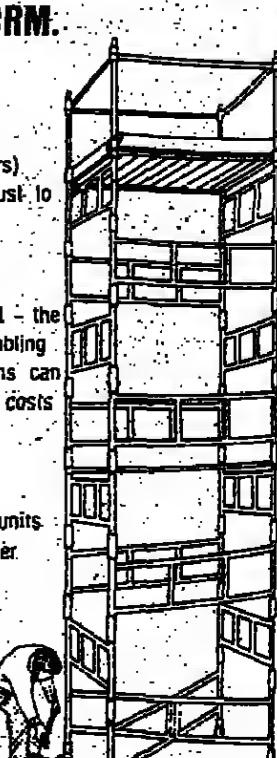
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Communal unrest hits India's eastern states

NEW DELHI, March 25 (AP) — Eastern India is in the throes of communal unrest that some local leaders say could explode in massive violence between the Assamese and Bengali communities.

On Monday, hundreds of members of the youth wing of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's Congress party blocked road and rail communications between Assam and West Bengal states. They were demonstrating against the five-month-old Assam movement, which they accused of attacks on Bengali refugees from Bangladesh and other non-Assamese.

Officials say that at least 50 persons have died in communal clashes. Members of the pro-Gandhi Youth Congress attacked a hotel for Assamese travelers in Calcutta last week and ransacked the office of the *Assam Tribune*, the state's leading English-language newspaper.

The blockade Monday was peaceful, but opponents of Mrs. Gandhi said it could trigger more violence.

"This could lead to civil war," said Madhu Dandavate, parliamentary leader of the opposition Janata party.

"If the Bengalis hurt a single Assamese, they will be slaughtered," an angry Assamese official said.

The chief minister of West Bengal, Jyoti Basu, who heads a leftist coalition government, charged that Mrs. Gandhi is trying to create a law-order problem in his state so she could oust his government and appoint one that would take orders from her.

The Assam movement began last October soon after the announcement of the January election which returned Mrs. Gandhi to power.

Spearheaded by the Assam Students Union and another regional group called the Peoples Struggle, it claimed that millions of illegal Bengali immigrants from Bangladesh are living in the state and that many of them had been added to the voting rolls.

The movement demanded revision of the electoral lists and deportation of the aliens. It launched a crippling series of statewide strikes and picketed government offices. As a result, elections for 12 of the state's 14 seats in the lower house of Parliament were postponed.

Delhi blind stage peaceful rally

NEW DELHI, March 25 (AP) — About 200 blind Indians rallied peacefully and their leaders met with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi here Tuesday, nine days after a clash between blind marchers which led to several injuries and numerous arrests.

"We are prepared to die for our rights," they shouted during a procession through New Delhi.

The blind are campaigning for special government employment quotas and incentives.

poned indefinitely.

Assam is India's principal oil-producing region, and the strikes have cost millions of dollars in lost production. All of eastern India is suffering from an acute shortage of petroleum products, particularly of cooking and diesel fuel.

The national election commission says it has processed about 200,000 complaints of aliens on the voting rolls and substantiated about two-thirds of them. The Assam state government says it is taking steps to repatriate the Bangladeshis, but no official will say how many have been sent back.

Mrs. Gandhi and her aides have met twice in New Delhi with the leaders of the Assam movement, but neither side would give ground. The Assamese say the 1951 census should be the basis for identifying aliens for deportation, while the prime minister contends the cutoff year should be 1971, when many refugee Bengalis entered Assam during the India-Pakistan war that resulted in the creation of Bangladesh.

The predominantly Hindu Assamese agitators fear their culture might be swamped and their political identity upset by an influx of illegal Bangladeshi aliens who are mostly Muslim and Bengali-speaking. The students are not affiliated with any political party.

The Bangladesh settlers, considered pro-Gandhi, were expected to back the prime minister's ruling Congress party in last January's election. But voting in much of the state was postponed because of the agitation.

Together with the culturally-similar but Hindu migrants from West Bengal state they could have formed a majority in some electoral districts. The native Indian Bengalis are generally seen as supporters of the Marxist Communist party, however.

The powerful Assamese student groups claimed that names of illegal aliens were placed on voters' lists to help the Congress party, which gave the party added strength while providing the individual alien proof of citizenship as a registered voter.

Hundreds of aliens, claiming Assamese mobs attacked and burned their homes, fled to neighboring West Bengal where refugee camps were established.

for private industry to provide jobs.

"Mrs. Gandhi assured us that she will look into our demands," R. K. Gupta, treasurer of India's National Federation of the Blind, told the rally after a 15-minute meeting with the prime minister.

F.S. Salam, another federation official, complained that the government does not "even know whether we are alive or dead."

"We do not want charity, we want to work and live," he told the cheering crowd.



NEW WALL: East German workers demolish part of a pre-World War II apartment block to make room for a new section of the Berlin Wall that divides the former German capital into East and West. The new section is being built in the French sector. The wall prevents East Germans from escaping to the West.

In south Pacific

France detonates A-bomb

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, March 25 (R) — France Monday exploded a nuclear device at its Mururoa Atoll testing site in the south Pacific, a New Zealand government spokesman said Tuesday.

Dr. Warwick Smith, superintendent of the seismological observatory in Wellington, said: "The device had a yield of 50 kilotons and was quite moderately large."

French Defense Minister Yvon Bourges, who went to Mururoa in French Polynesia Monday, would not say whether any kind of tests would be carried out during his visit.

He had previously denied a claim by the international conservation group Greenpeace that France would detonate a 34-megaton device underground at Mururoa Monday.

Smith said the explosion — twice the size of the nuclear blast which devastated Hiroshima in 1945 — was measured quite strongly in Rarotonga in the Cook Islands of the south Pacific.

He said two smaller French tests were recorded on Feb. 23 and March 3. They had yields of two and six kilotons respectively, he said.

Dr. B. J. O'Brien, director of the Institute of Nuclear Sciences in New Zealand's Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, said there was no way of telling whether Monday's explosion was the culminating

nation of a test phase or the beginning of one. Bourges said before leaving Tahiti for Mururoa that France took every possible safety precaution before carrying out nuclear tests.

Last August French Polynesia demanded the suspension of nuclear testing at Mururoa Atoll. The 1963 partial nuclear test ban treaty does not prohibit underground explosions. It bans blasts in the atmosphere, outer space and under water where there is a danger of radioactive fallout and pollution.

U.S. volcano may erupt soon

SEA TATE, Washington, March 25 (AP) — The biggest jolt of the past five days hit Mount St. Helena on Monday afternoon and scientists said the series of small earthquakes is an indication the volcano may be preparing to erupt.

"We know the mountain will erupt again, but we don't know when," said Steven Malone, a University of Washington seismologist.

Monday's jolt measured 4.4 on the Richter scale. No damage or injuries were reported in this lightly populated area in the northwestern United States.

Britain's second-biggest heist Crooks get \$8.8m in silver

LONDON, March 25 (AP) — Detectives investigating Britain's second biggest robbery in history — an \$8.8 million silver heist Monday in London's East End — found two vehicles Tuesday believed used by the shotgun-wielding gang.

But Scotland Yard reported no progress in retrieving the 10 tons of silver bars stolen by a seven-man gang in a minutely-planned ambush.

It was the biggest ever bullion theft in Britain. The only crimes to compare with it were the great train robbery of 1963 when \$5.7 million in 120 mailbags was stolen from a mail train, and a 1975 raid on the Bank of America's London office in which a gang got away with \$16.5 million worth of jewelry, cash and valuables.

A white saloon car in which two security guards accompanied the silver shipment and a blue camper van used by the gang were

discovered Tuesday, while the truck that had contained the bullion was located abandoned overnight in the city's Cockney East End, 10 kms from the scene of the robbery.

Vaughan Jeppesen, of the shippers Jeppesen Heaton, said the bullion was bound for East Germany.

However, a spokesman at the East German embassy in London said he had no knowledge of the shipment. "I only know what I have read in the papers," said First Secretary Karl Steiner.

In the raid in Barking, east London, a man dressed as a policeman waved down the truck carrying the silver ingots, and the driver and two security men following in the saloon car stopped.

They were pounced on by six men armed with sawn-off shotguns and bundled into the camper which had pulled up behind.

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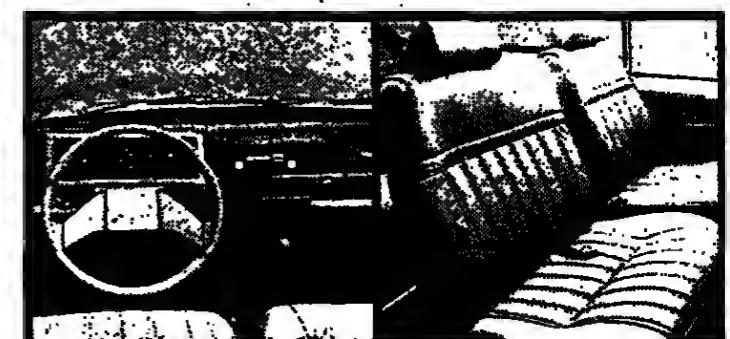
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U.N. predicts

Low growth for West

GENEVA, March 25 (AP) — Low and perhaps even failing economic growth is predicted for Western Europe and the United States this year by the U.N. Economic Commission for Europe.

And ECE warns the effects could be even worse because so little has been done about energy conservation and because "the resilience of some West European economies to external shocks appears to be very modest indeed."

It says the new hikes have "ended the lingering hopes that the first round (in 1973) was a once-and-for-all shock which could be gradually absorbed," and revealed how fragile West Europe's success was in battling inflation.

The commission's annual report predicts the near future will bring "a serious challenge" to the region's policy makers who once again find themselves in the situation they faced in 1973 that got out of hand in subsequent years.

The report says that developments in 1979 were similar to those in 1973 when the oil price increase coincided with already mounting

Iran withdraws from joint project

SEOUL, March 25 (API) — National Iranian Oil Co. (NIOC) is expected to withdraw from a joint venture refinery in south Korea, controlled by the NIOC and Korea's Ssangyong Co.

Korean Energy Minister Yang Yoon-Sae told news conference Monday that under Iran's revolutionary policy prohibiting overseas investment, the NIOC was currently negotiating with Ssangyong to recover its equity investment, \$17 million from the joint venture named Korea-Iran Oil Co.

The oil refinery, with a daily capacity of 60,000 barrels, is nearing completion south of here at a cost of \$190 million.

Yang has just returned from a 24-day tour of Iran, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia to seek continued oil supplies for South Korea, which does not produce any oil.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 7.00 P.M. Tuesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.34	3.35	3.35
Pound Sterling	7.28	7.35	7.34
Deutsche Mark (100)	176.00	180.00	176.55
Swiss F (100)	186.00	190.00	186.75
French F (100)	76.00	77.00	76.20
Italian Lira (10,000)	38.00	40.00	38.10
Lebanese Lira (100)		98.10	97.65
Syrian Lira (100)		79.50	87.50
Egyptian Pound		4.50	4.46
Kuwaiti Dinar		12.15	12.10
Jordanian Dinar		11.08	10.90
Emirates Dirham (100)		89.31	89.31
Qatari Riyal (100)		90.79	90.79
Bahraini Dinar		8.84	8.84
Iranian Riyal (100)		—	—
Iraqi Dinar (100)		73.75	73.50
Yemeni Riyal (100)		84.25	88.00
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Pakistani Rupee (100)		58,000.00	—
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Japanese Yen (1,000)	13.40	—	13.45
Canadian Dollar	2.81	—	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	109.00	118.00	—
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	161.00	—	161.50
Spanish Peso (1,000)	51.00	—	50.00
Greek Drachma (1,000)	80.00	—	45.50
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Ro Ro	Espresso Veneto	Kanoo	Ro Ro Units	25-3-80
3	Al Rayyan	Kanoo	Contrs/General/Pipes	23-3-80
4	Khartoum	A.E.T.	Dura	—
S	Golden Arabia	El hqai	Steel/Plywood/General	20-3-80
6	Char Lo	Abdullah	Steel/Gan/plywood/Containers	20-3-80
7	Constantino	A.A.	Bagged Barley	24-3-80
8	Mar Cadiz	O.C.E.	Reefar	20-3-80
9	Mindan	O.C.E.	Reefer	8-3-80
10	Weltman Universal	Star	Reefer	24-3-80
11	Boro Universat	Star	Reefer	23-3-80
12	Aloha	Alsaeda	Pipes-Cont. Materials	24-3-80
15	Gripoe	O.C.E.	Reefer	22-3-80
16	Panama	Reyazat	Containers	24-3-80
19	Ionian Carnar	Rolaco	Bulk cement	24-3-80
20	Falcon Arrow	Alsabah	Bulk Cement	23-3-80
21	Lok Vihar	Baroom	Bagged Cement	15-3-80
22	Gaorgios 'K'	Gulf	Tan/General	24-3-80
23	Krishna Paja	Gulf	Bagged Cement	16-3-80
24	Albyon	Bamaodah	Baggad Cement	9-3-80
26	Baru	Star	Cement/General	21-3-80
27	Tysla	Barbar	Containers/Gen./Hazardous	24-3-80
28	Saudi Crown	O.Trade	Cement-Gen./Hazardous	24-3-80
29		Tribute Fiva	Cargo	—
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31			Imparia	—
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33			Maldivie Victory	Barber
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Berth	Name of the Ship	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival
10	Ping Chau	U.E.P.	Gan-Maize	20-3-80
21	Arabian Luluah	Barbar	Cement Silo Vessel	28-3-77
23	Barge G.M. — 102	SAITE	Containera	25-3-80
25	Al Watiyah	Kanoo	Containers	25-3-80
26	Maria	Gosabi	Barley	14-3-80
27	Truck/Containers	B a r b e r	Intermac-257 in Bags	22-3-80
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In EEC campaign

Parliament supports Thatcher

LONDON, March 25 (R) — Parliament Tuesday backed Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in her campaign for a reduction in Britain's payments to the European Common Market amid signs that the longstanding problem could soon be solved.

A resolution calling for a substantial, immediate and lasting reduction in Britain's net payments to the EEC (European Economic Community) was passed without a vote.

Financial Secretary Nigel Lawson said a new document just received from the European commission in Brussels contained proposals to reduce Britain's net contribution, which would be more than one billion sterling (\$2.2 billion) this year.

He told Parliament: "The government has no doubt whatever that the commission's proposals, given the political will among the community state, could form the basis of an adequate and acceptable solution to the current problem."

The document had not yet been published, but Lawson said talks were now taking place on projects in Britain which the community could help to finance.

Britain, complaining that its contribution is too high, has threatened to withhold some of its payments to the EEC in a

solution is not found.

A government spokesman said the proposals were aimed at settling the dispute over Britain's contribution to the community budget by increasing EEC spending in Britain.

Lawson said: "If Europe is to thrive it cannot impose a manifestly unacceptable burden on this country." He added that the open-ended character of the common agricultural policy had to be changed.

The issue of British payments was to have been discussed at the EEC summit in Brussels next week, but this was postponed because of the latest Italian government crisis.

Opposition Labor spokesman Peter Shore said it was a matter of regret that the meeting had been postponed because money was pouring out of Britain into Europe.

He criticized the proposal that more EEC money should be spent in Britain. This, he said, meant transferring public spending decisions to Brussels.

Shore called for a reduction in the original payments reform of agriculture policy which, he said, had led to the most protected and costliest agricultural system in the world.

To end 12-week standoff

Steel strike panel formed

LONDON, March 25 (AP) — Striking union leaders and the state-owned British Steel Corp. agreed Monday to set up a committee of inquiry to make recommendations for an end to Britain's 12-week steel strike.

The move came after the Conservative government, refusing once again to become involved in the strike, rejected a union request to set up such a committee through the Department of Employment and advised the parties to use a state-assisted mediation body.

Hopes were raised as both sides said they would abide by the committee's views, but union representatives made this conditional on approval by their executive bodies.

Executives of BSC, which put its strike losses at more than 300 million pounds (\$660 million) proposed a return to work as early as Wednesday under a provisional wage increase that would be adjusted

according to the committee's findings. But union leaders, whose men have lost on the average nearly 1,200 pounds (\$2,600) in earnings each were doubtful the strike could end before Easter.

Agreement to form the committee followed a meeting between BSC chief executive Bob Scholey and representatives of 13 steel unions. Scholey said the two sides were seeking mutually acceptable names to put forward as head of the committee, with a chairman to be named by the end of the week.

He said the mediation body, the Advisory, Reconciliation and Arbitration Service, would be involved. But he was not immediately clear what its role would be.

The 110,000 strikers against BSC want a raise of 19.7 per cent on average basic pay of 110 pounds (\$242) a week. The money-losing BSC has said it can afford no more than 10 per cent plus 4.4 per cent in local productivity deals.

Pakistan receives

ISLAMABAD, March 25 (AP) — Pakistan will receive \$40 million worth of edible oil from the United States in the next six months under an agreement signed Tuesday.

The agreement provides for the sale of 60,000 metric tons of edible oil under a public law \$40 loan for 40 years. The rate of

U.S. edible oil

interest is between 2 and 3 per cent, officials said.

The agreement was signed by U.S. Ambassador Arthur Hummel Jr. and Majeed Mufti, joint secretary of the ministry of economic affairs.

Al-Ahram said the three-year credit draft

agreement would be submitted to the IMF

board next week.

Egypt has been negotiating with the IMF for about \$1 billion credit for three years and officials from the fund have recently made several visits to Egypt to discuss the subject.

There was no immediate official confirmation of Al-Ahram's report.

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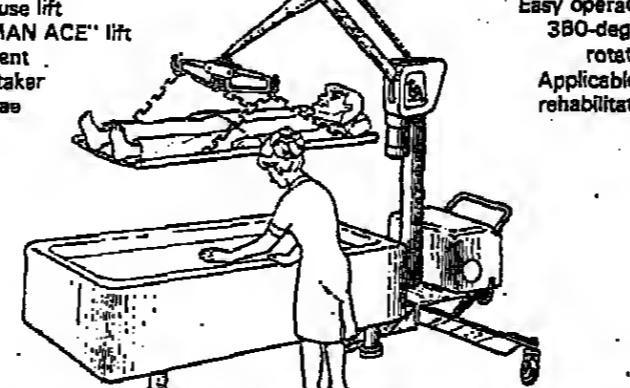
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I S O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

EFF LS LRF EGSNNSA; ASLR
LS LRF QGTAF; FTZR LS RXN
HTNNXSW: IRTL'N XW T WTAZ?— RFGFW P T Z D N S W
Yesterday's Cryptonote: INDEPENDENCE IS THE ONLY BOND THAT CAN TIE AND KEEP US TOGETHER.—THOMAS PAINE

Riley's Believe It or Not!

THE GAME THAT TOOK OFF A WAR
 SOCCER MATCHES BETWEEN HONDURAS AND EL SALVADOR WERE SO BITTERLY CONTESTED THAT THEY WERE USED IN 1969 AS THE PRETEXT FOR WAR BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES

OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN (1895-1960) THE AMERICAN LYRICIST WHO TURNED OUT SUCH BROADWAY HITS AS "OKLAHOMA" ONCE TOOK AN AD IN A SHAW BUSINESS PUBLICITY CALLING ATTENTION TO HIS 5 FLORS

Contract Bridge ♦ B. Jay Becker

The Step-By-Step Approach

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.
 NORTH ♦ Q 7 6 5
 ♦ Q 8 2
 ♦ Q 5 2
 ♦ 10 4

WEST ♠ 4 2
 ♠ 5 6 5
 ♠ 9 8 7 3
 ♠ 8 0 5 2
 ♠ Q 9 3

SOUTH ♦ 8 3
 ♦ A 9 4
 ♦ A 8 4
 ♦ A 7

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1 C Pass 2 C 2 ♠
 4 ♠

Opening lead — four of spades.

Assume you're declarer in four hearts and West leads the spade four. It's clear that you must play the spade tricks, so making the contract depends on whether you lose one diamond trick or two.

If West has the king of diamonds, it's easy to hold yourself to one diamond loser by playing low towards the queen. But if East has the king and you play low to the queen, you lose two diamond tricks and go down one.

You should start by making a tentative assessment of what you can expect to gain by discarding a diamond. This puts East on lead and forces him to return a diamond or yield a ruff and discard. Either way, you make the contract.

As happens so often when you're declarer, you could not feel 100 percent certain of the ultimate outcome. You had to feel your way at the start and hope everything would eventually come out all right.

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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 1986

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Work requirements may conflict with your need for fellowship. Don't try to escape realities. Be ready to help if needed.

Taurus (Apr. 20 to May 20) Keeping up with the Joneses can prove costly. Be realistic about finances. Some difficulty in launching a career project, but creativity high.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) How to reconcile relationship needs with the practicalities of living together is a concern now. Don't be disillusioned by human frailty.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A reorientation of thinking may be required. You could worry yourself sick over trifles. Deal with the now and forget imagined fears.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Some lack of confidence possible now. Perhaps, you expect too much of yourself. Face facts re finances and entertainment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 21) Others may not live in accordance with your principles. You'll have to live and let live. Don't be swayed by dubious propositions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) If someone seems hard to get, it could be that they're not sincerely interested. Agree up living arrangements with an imaginative touch.

PIRUS (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Don't let work get you down. Make sure that your ambitions are not causing you to neglect a close one. Evening favors creative interests.

BBC

Morning Transmission

4.00 World News
 4.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
 4.30 The Pleasure's Yours
 5.15 Report on Religion
 6.00 Radio Newsreel
 6.15 Outlook
 7.00 World News
 7.09 Commentary
 7.15 Sherlock Holmes
 7.45 World Today
 8.00 World News
 8.09 Books and Writers
 8.45 Sports Round-up
 9.00 World News
 9.09 News about Britain
 9.15 Radio Newsreel
 9.30 Farming World
 10.00 Outlook News
 10.39 Stock Market Report
 10.43 Look Ahead
 10.45 Ulster in Focus
 11.00 World News
 11.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
 12.15 Talkabout
 12.45 Nature Notebook
 1.00 World News
 1.09 World Today
 1.25 Financial News
 1.35 Book Choice
 1.40 Reflections
 2.00 World News
 2.30 Sports International
 2.40 Radio Newsreel
 3.15 Promende Concert
 3.45 Sports Round-up

Evening Transmission

1.15 Ulster in Focus
 1.30 Discovery
 2.00 World News
 2.09 News about Britain
 2.15 Alphabet of Musical Curios
 2.30 Sports International
 2.40 Radio Newsreel
 3.15 Promende Concert
 3.45 Sports Round-up

VOA

P.M.
 8:00 News Roundup
 Reports: Actualities: Opinion: Analyses
 8:30 Dateline
 News Summary
 9:00 Special English: News
 9:30 Music USA: (Standards)
 10:00 News Roundup
 Reports: Actualities
 10:05 Opening: Analyses

News Summary
 10:30 VOC Magazine
 America: Letter Cultural: Letter
 11:00 Special English: News
 11:30 Music U.S.: (Jazz)

VOA WORLD REPORT
 Midnight

12:00 News newsmakers' voices correspondents reports background features media comments news analyses.

On Thursday, March 20 King Khaled attended the Sixth Annual Camel Races held in his honor. His guest was Sheikh Zaid, the president of the United Arab Emirates.



Ali ibn Jader, 9, walks toward the Royal Box after winning the Sudanese morning race on Eglan, owned by Prince Saud ibn Muhammad. His prize was SR35,000 and a 2,000 gallon water truck. The winning time was 51 minutes, 8 seconds.

(Photographs by Scott Pendleton)



A trainer, at left, watches the horizon for the return of his riders. The course is 22 kilometers long and usually takes slightly under an hour to complete.



A spectator, left, cheers as Ali ibn Jader crosses the finish line. A National Guardsman rushes up and hands him a small placard, labeled number one.





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U.S. warns Iran on Shah reprisal

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP) — While warning Iranian leaders against punishing the American hostages in retaliation for the former Shah's departure from Panama, the United States also is renewing its offer to improve relations with Iran once the hostage crisis ends.

U.S. officials, trying to play down its effect on the hostage situation, said Monday that the Shah's decision to go to Egypt for medical treatment was his alone.

A White House official, who did not wish to be identified, said the "best judgement is that the ultimate outcome of the situation in Tehran is not likely to be adversely affected" by the development.

Specifically, the administration said a threat by one Iranian prosecutor to try the hostages as spies and jail them if convicted is unlikely to be carried out.

Other Iranian officials have warned in more general terms that the Shah's presence in Egypt would slow progress toward release of the 50 Americans who have been held by Iranian militants at the U.S. embassy in Tehran for 4½ months.

That reaction from the Iranian government notwithstanding, U.S. officials are reiterating their position that the Soviets pose a common danger to U.S. and Iranian interests in the Gulf and are reaffirming an offer to discuss American aid after the American hostages are liberated.

The Shah's sudden departure from Panama upset "the hell out of people" in Tehran, one senior administration official acknowledged privately. Yet he dismissed Ayatollah Khomeini's trial threat as "not a very possible or probable outcome."

And a White House official, who also asked that his name not be used, indicated the U.S. administration does not attach "the same degree of concern" to the new trial threat it did when Iranian officials earlier suggested the Americans could be tried.

Nevertheless, U.S. State Department spokesman Hodding Carter warned that "the Iranian government is aware of the consequences and condemnation that would take place" if the hostages were tried.

But for the most part, officials indicated they felt the ultimate fate of the American hostages would not be affected by the Shah's move to Egypt.

"I suppose different people might have a somewhat different assessment," one official said of the possible effect. "My view is that this probably is not going to have a serious impact on the situation in Iran, but you can't say with any certainty."

The official, who asked not to be identified, said even the militants understand that in the final analysis they are not going to get their hands on the Shah no matter where he takes

refuge. "Basically, they knew that," the official said.

White House Chief of Staff Hamilton Jordan and presidential counsel Lloyd Cutler flew to Panama last week in an unsuccessful attempt to negotiate arrangements for the Shah's medical treatment there.

"The Shah wanted to go. We couldn't tie him down," said a senior administration official, who asked not to be identified. "Our clear preference was to maintain the status quo."

The Iranian government had hoped, through legal proceedings, to have the Shah returned to Tehran for trial as a war criminal. Punishing him is the main demand of the Muslim militants who seized the hostages and the U.S. embassy on Nov. 4.

Although Iran and Panama have no extradition treaty, Iranian officials had taken steps they said could circumvent that problem.

Still, the White House official said flatly: "There was never any prospect that the Shah would have been extradited to Iran and that was made clear to him and to his people."

According to one U.S. official, the United States at no time seriously considered readmitting the Shah to the United States for medical treatment. His admission to a New York hospital for cancer surgery last October may have provoked the militants to seize the embassy in Tehran.

The families of the hostages — most of them have joined a newly formed group called the Family Liaison Acting Group — were assured Saturday that the Shah would not return to the United States.

Louisa Kennedy, an organizer of the new group, said Monday that a letter objecting to the prospect of the Shah being readmitted to the United States had not been intended to become public.

Nor was it intended to suggest a break in the families' support of the administration's handling of the crisis, she said.

Mrs. Kennedy is the wife of State Department economics specialist Moorhead C. Kennedy, one of those seized in the embassy takeover.

"We have been unified in support of the president in his diplomatic endeavors and we continue to be," she said in an interview.

Mrs. Kennedy said the main role of the new group would be to gather and share information about the Iran crisis and to provide a means by which the families could "share techniques we've each developed for dealing with our sense of helplessness."

Panamanians breathed a collective sigh of relief with the Shah's departure.

The decision to leave came as a surprise to almost everybody in the country.



DEMOLISHED CONSULATE: London firemen douse the smoldering ruins of the Italian consulate in the fashionable Belgravia district. An explosion ripped through the building early Monday, rousing residents into the street in their bedclothes. Scotland Yard is holding an unidentified Italian for questioning. (Central Press photo)

Mugabe favors coexistence

Says good relations possible if S. Africa will keep hands off

NEW YORK, March 25 (R) — Prime Minister Robert Mugabe said in a television interview that Rhodesia would adopt a policy of co-existence towards white-ruled South Africa providing it refrained from interfering in Rhodesian internal affairs.

Mugabe, in an interview with the U.S. Public Broadcasting System (PBS), also said that although the Salisbury government had power to acquire land for redistribution and would use socialist principles in land resettlement "we do not intend to seize any land that is being properly used," whether by blacks or whites.

He said: "In respect of South Africa, we will pursue a policy of non-interference in each other's affairs as long as South Africa is prepared to refrain from interfering with our internal affairs, we shall accordingly reciprocate and not interfere in their internal affairs."

The South Africans had not directly expressed a desire for co-existence "but from some of the statements they have made I think they have accepted the possibility of co-existence," he said.

Mugabe said South Africa's apartheid policy of racial separation was "abominable." "But we accept that South Africa is a geographical reality. And as such we must have some minimum relationship with it," he said.

Asked how he would respond to an appeal from South African blacks for help in doing what he had done in Rhodesia, Mugabe, who fought a seven-year guerrilla war against the

white minority government in Salisbury, said: "Through the OAU (Organization of African Unity) we shall pledge ourselves to doing all we can to assist the liberation struggle in South Africa. But as a single country we cannot be seen to be taking up arms against South Africa."

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Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

There is no man or woman who had not at one time or another, resorted to the excuse, "Sorry, but I just don't have time." This is such a constant refrain that this column took it upon itself to investigate the matter. Can time be such a scarce commodity? Or, does the excuse always actually mean, "I don't want to do this."

To the nearest computer then for some hard facts. An average employee does 40 hours a week, with a month's annual bol day. This means a working year of 19½ hours. Add to this time for travel to and from work, say two hours daily, and you have 488 hours per year. Then add the hours for meals — a generous allowance — and you have a further 1095 hours of the way.

Now give an hour daily for bathing, shaving or makeup, and that is 365 hours. Then a good daily sleep of 8 hours, adding up to 2928 in a year.

Add all these up and you have a total, 6820 hours, of things you simply cannot do without. This is time well and truly of your control, and it has to be subtracted from the total of hours in a year, which is 8760 hours, which gives you a sizeable chunk of hours all your very own — in 1940 of them.

1940! And all your own, A full holiday of about 80 days! So you are bound to agree that you are not with extra time if you put your mind to it. M you, our computer does not say that people are necessarily lying when they say that they don't have time. It is just they are either disorganized or enthusiastic.

Translated from *Asharq Al Awsat*.

Handshakes end sixth round of Colombia talk.

BOGOTA, March 25 (AP) — Government officials negotiating with guerillas holding 32 hostages in the South American embassy ended a sixth of Monday with smiles and a round of shaking.

It was the first time the officials had sat down with the masked woman guerrillas holding the embassy invaders, indicating some progress had been made.

None of the hostages was released immediately. Colombian newspapers quoted government sources as saying the weekend's 20 to 30 guerrillas of the M-19 movement had agreed to free five of their captives.

The five were not named, and their speculation they would include some hostages who reportedly are ill or some 11 captives with no diplomatic rank. The 11 diplomatic held are 13 ambassadors or ambassadors, six consuls and two Color protocol officers.

Monday was their 27th day as prisoners. The heavily armed guerrillas, who have been demanding the release of 28 imprisoned M-19 members, is "non-negotiable."

As the five previous meetings had been, the guerrillas, posing as members of the embassy, returned to the embassy during a reception.

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